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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged; trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, but good for fast food and into restaurants. Supplies of heavier weights were at least adequate, yet smaller sizes were sufficient to closely cleared. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared, dark meat was adequate and moving, and wings were mixed, but at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**Final report** Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 4/26/04-04/30/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>					
Bos/New Eng	72.00-77.00	75.78	18	70.93	51
Chicago	72.00-75.00	74.50	43	76.68	79
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	66.46	23
Denver	79.50	79.50	14	80.16	17
Detroit	73.00-76.00	75.62	13	76.96	47
Los Angeles	80.00	79.63	67	78.15	178
New York	75.00-78.00	76.36	25	75.04	54
Philadelphia	76.00-77.00	76.54	12	75.33	24
Pittsburgh	76.00-78.00	76.88	12	77.10	57
St. Louis	74.00-74.25	73.79	22	72.80	46
San Francisco	80.50	80.75	32	81.57	82

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/26/04	Change/Last Wk	04/19/04	04/28/03
658	76.05	-0.48	76.53	58.10

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	78.00-80.00	79.02	36
Central	74.00-80.00	77.30	70
West	82.00-86.00	83.86	40

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	74.00-76.00	75.10	82
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,082	69.00-77.25	73.75

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	259.50	1,402
BREASTS - B/S	227.50	5,610
BREASTS - WHOLE	123.50	1,962
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.50	1,046
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	8,069
WINGS	131.50	2,979

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair entering the week. Offerings varied; the 2.5 pound birds were adequate to available, the 3 pound sizes were balanced and the heavier weights were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance and commanding premiums. Dark meat items were sufficient. Wings were generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate with mixed trading and light inquiry. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best. Breast items were balanced to well cleared, dark meat was adequate, and wings were irregular, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The final majority prices were unchanged from a week ago. Trading for this weeks' delivery were unchanged prices on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were readily available on heavy weights with sized product adequate at best. Retailer demand was moderate to good best where features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts with reported trading for this weeks' delivery at generally unchanged prices: leg quarters 34.5-37.5 bulk and 4/10s mainly 37.5, breast bone-in 121-127 and boneless 215-217, wings 126-127. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 84.11 up .22 with the volume reported at 28 loads unchanged from last Monday.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone steady to fully steady. Trade interest was limited on light offerings. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to moderate, instances good into fast food and restaurants. Floor stocks in a full range. Weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts offerings were somewhat limited on close to adequate supplies. Trade needs were handled through regular commitments. The market tone was steady, undertone firm on dark meat and breast cuts; wings barely steady with a weak undertone.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate. Seller offerings were more that adequate on the 2.5 pound sizes; adequate to closely cleared on the balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Leg items were adequate and in generally good balance on most cuts. Supplies of wings varied from plant to plant and were at least adequate overall.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	76-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	80.19
NO. OF BOXES	6,994

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were in close balance and commanding premiums. Dark meat lines were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were generally sufficient. Retail movement was fair, best for refill activity. Distributive draw was fair to moderate. Food service interest was building. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts and mostly steady on the balance.

ICE-PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	220	216.92	406,638
TENDERLOINS	235	231.97	106,540
BREAST - WITH RIBS	114-115	121.05	118,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	117.38	111,200
LEGS	44-45	42.37	334,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	32.92	424,609
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	36.76	177,270
THIGHS	42-43	47.89	99,120
B/S THIGHS	110-111	110.40	72,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	116-117	121.60	143,310
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	23,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	28.91	19,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.74	21,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,502	162.00-265.00	210-215	211.68
TENDERLOINS	243	225.00-244.00	230-235	232.64
BREAST - WITH RIBS	168	115.00-130.00	115-118	119.85
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT -			
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED -			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,830	26.00-33.00	26-30	28.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,850	33.00-35.00	33-34	33.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT -			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT -			
THIGHS	1,378	31.00-45.00	40-41	40.23

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)  
FOR MONDAY 26-APR-04**

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 04/22	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 04/19
ALA	3,972	3,967	5.20	3,784	5.24
ARK	5,347	5,156	4.96	5,217	4.95
DELMARVA	2,109	2,213	5.32	2,200	5.47
KY-LA-TN	2,051	2,007	4.97	2,041	5.07
MISS	3,029	2,785	5.45	2,686	5.50
NC	2,439	2,344	6.31	2,344	6.30
TEXAS	2,380	2,415	5.07	2,402	5.09
TOTAL	21,327	20,887	5.27	20,674	5.32
MON	21,327(A)			20,674(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Apr 2004 is estimated to be 31,908,000 up 2.85 percent from a week ago, and up 2.3 percent from a year ago.

(last week 31,023,000 last year 31,177,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,007	209.00-296.00	210-216	214.72
TENDERLOINS	320	230.00-278.00	230-237	236.13
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	114.00-127.00	114-118	117.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	78	38.00-56.00	38-40	41.38
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	555	30.00-33.00	30-31	30.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	33.00-38.00	33-35	34.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	298	121.00-134.00	121-124	124.10
WINGS (CUT)	492	137.00-142.00	137-140	138.67
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
APRIL 26, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
69.00 - 74.50	72.14
	71.36

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 26-APR-2004 TO 30-APR-2004, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	210.00 - 227.00	210.00 - 220.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	111.00 - 130.00	115.00 - 118.00
LEGS	43.00 - 51.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31.00 - 36.00	33.00 - 34.00
DRUMSTICKS	33.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	45.00 - 53.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	110.00 - 134.00	122.00 - 124.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.50	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 49.50	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	92
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	95-99

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

600

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
(L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	105-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	107-109
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		162-185

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

23-APR-2004

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	13.50-16.25		-	1,128,000	728,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.16				
15-20%					
RANGE	14.50-16.50	12.50-19.00		2,088,800	728,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	14.62			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	12.00		200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00			

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offerings were generally adequate to at least adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.5	9-9.5	9.33
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

23-APR-2004

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	13.00-18.00	13.00-15.00		390,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.25	13.98			
15-20%					
RANGE	13.75-18.25	11.00-16.00		3,016,400	1,486,400
WTD AVERAGE	15.15	12.90			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	-		-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly higher when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Traded sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-12.25	9-9.75	9.56

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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